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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HESSE et al.

U.S. National Phase of PCT/GB00/01813

Entry papers filed herewith November 13, 2001:

For: STEROID COMPOUNDS WITH A C17-ALKYL SIDE CHAIN
AND AN AROMATIC A-RING FOR USE IN THERAPY

Attention: PCT OFFICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/GB00/01813.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 5, 8-9, 11, 13, 17 and 19-20 with the following amended claims.

5(Amended). Compounds of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 wherein R⁴ a hydrogen atom, a silyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group optionally interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms or substituted by a lower cycloalkyl group, a cyclic ether group, a C₁₋₆